

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Jan. 5, 2012

Attendance: Dave Yates
Jeremy Griffus
Bob Iannaco
Carl Dubois
Keith Bowen
Rupert Cote
Sue LaRoche
Mick Regan
Eric Horton

Excused – Ben Nadaeu

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion entered by Rupert Cote to accept the Dec minutes as presented. Jeremy seconded, motion carried 8-0.

Public Input

None

Report of Officers

None

Report of Sub Committees

The newly formed softball sub-committee will meet on Jan 19 to begin reviewing the softball bylaws.

Director's Report

- 5/6 Grade dance was held last month, 370 children with enough chaperones to meet the demand.
- Pelham basketball tournament was held in Dec and Mike T's 6th grade girl's team winning their division. Congratulations.
- Movie night is this Friday and playing is Mr. Poppers Penguins.
- Free throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will be held at the Community Center this month for age group 10 and up.
- Comedy Show will be held in a couple of weeks. Tickets are available at the Recreation Center.
- A new program will be introduced, a yoga class for Moms and Tots. As a committee, we will assess progress made with the group in February. Five participants required and deadline is Wed., Jan 18, to signup.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Girls Hudson Basketball tournament will be changed to last weekend in February 25th & 26th as boys will play the following week March 3rd & 4th. We will assess this and maybe change to Nov or Thanksgiving week next year based on feedback.
- Each team could play a maximum of 5 games in a weekend span. There was some concern that there could be some waiting to play.
- Will the high school is available? But it does not look like it will be needed.
- Laurie, Steve, Dave and Sue will be at each site managing things. Recreation committee members are available to assist as needed.
- Age group for the Yoga for Tots will be ages 2-4.
- Positive - Youth basketball is moving along with good parity in each of the games. It is not possible to extend to a 10 weeks season due to budget constraints.
- Positive - Kids are having fun and enjoying themselves.
- Negative – Teams should clean up after themselves at each of the school gyms. There have been complaints from each of the schools.
- Negative – Some kids are dropped off early. Coaches should remind parents to remain on site during practices.

Misc:

Bensons – Thanks for the bench added adjacent to the playground.

Closing Remarks

Jeremy – Impact fees available for 2012? < 20K. As a committee we need to ask for a selectman liaison that will attend each of the meetings and support our efforts.

Carl – Can we look into partnering with other private organization to assist them with their efforts?

Bobby – We should form a subcommittee to explore new ideas for parks, such as Merrill.

Dave – Went by Benson and the parking lot is being expanding and the Dog Park is progressing along with a fence going in.

Eric – New projects ideas for 2012. Should we explore new projects by forming a exploratory subcommittee.

Keith – Can we look at Greely to expand on the services there? Is it possible to add new basketball courts or baskets? Grass in the infield and/or extend the fence. Outside organization will support efforts if we ask.

Susan – Should utilize the town web site to facilitate ideas.

Rupert – Should defer the improvement subcommittee and begin the discussions as a larger group. Thanks for Jeremy and Susan for extending their time with Recreation Committee.

There being no further business, Rupert entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carl Dubois, and motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Dubois

Timeline for next recreation committee proposed project.

Estimated	Actual	List of possible projects and proposed dates.	

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